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1. On 18 April 1950, approximately four nautical miles from the Gjedser-Rev fire-ship, a 7,000-ton Soviet merchant vessel was observed towing a floating dock eastward. They were accompanied by a large ocean-going tug.
2. On 19 April 1950, at about 2000 hours, the same ships were sighted again in the Skagerrak in good weather, approximately 15 nautical miles northwest of the Skagen fire-ship. The ships were observed at a distance of three to four nautical miles.
3. Extensive enquiries made in shipping circles disclosed that the floating dock was en route to Arkhangel, where it is to be used in the construction of a submarine base. It is believed capable of handling 5,000-ton to 6,000-ton vessels.
4. The Soviets are using merchant ships as tugs when it is necessary to move heavy objects long distances. It is alleged that another floating dock was towed to the Far East in 1949 by a Liberty ship.

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